

REMARKS

A. CLAIM 1 IS AMENDED

Applicants amended claim 1 by deleting a limitation from it, and introduced that limitation into a new dependent claim 111. The amendment is made to improve the form of the claims and is not made for reasons related to patentability. The amendment does not introduce new issues and continues to be fully supported by the application as filed.

B. REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

All claims continue to be patentable and in condition for allowance for all the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on May 16, 2003, incorporated herein by reference. An indication of allowance of all claims is solicited. Reiterating Applicants' comments in the May 16, 2003 Amendment, if any issues remain outstanding, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to their undersigned counsel to resolve such issues in an expeditious manner to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no fees are necessary in connection with this Supplemental Amendment. If any fees are needed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

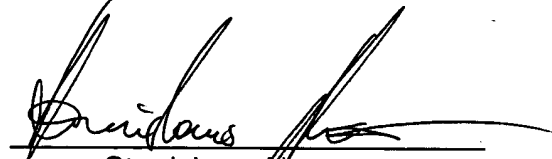
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